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## IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States general imports, unadjusted for seasonal variation, from \$1,461.2 million in August to \$1,398.1 million in September<sup>1</sup>, reflected decreases in imports from some areas which were partly offset by increases in imports from others as indicated below. Changes in the dollar values of imports from all areas from August to September were as follows: Canada, from \$334.5 to \$301.1 million; Latin American Republics, from \$290.2 to \$294.6 million; Western Europe, from \$364.9 to \$369.1 million; and "all other countries", from \$471.6 to \$433.3 million.

From August to September, imports from sterling area countries decreased from \$280.9 to \$262.4 million but imports from O.E.C.D. countries in Europe increased slightly from \$358.2 to \$360.9 million. Decreases were reported in imports from the continents of Asia, North America, and Africa.

The drop in imports from Asia from \$306.2 million in August to \$266.3 million in September, was largely due to lower levels of imports from Japan, from \$145.6 to \$124.1 million;

Republic of the Philippines, from \$44.2 to \$32.4 million; and Federation of Malaya, from \$17.0 to \$11.2 million. Imports from North America fell from \$444.0 to \$404.2 million owing chiefly to a decrease in imports from Canada, from \$334.5 to \$301.1 million. The decrease in imports from Africa from \$66.4 to \$58.3 million resulted from a substantial decrease in imports from the Republic of South Africa, from \$30.8 to \$17.8 million, which was partly offset by an increase in imports from the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, from \$1.7 to \$6.8 million.

During the period, imports from South America rose from \$224.8 to \$237.3 million. Increases in imports from Brazil, from \$42.8 to \$56.7 million; Peru, from \$16.7 to \$28.6 million; and Colombia, from \$28.8 to \$35.0 million, were partly offset by decreases in imports from Venezuela, from \$83.6 to \$67.2 million; and Chile, from \$22.3 to \$15.9 million. Imports from Europe advanced from \$371.0 to \$378.4 million primarily as a result of increases in imports from Switzerland, from \$15.1 to \$23.3 million; West Germany, from \$75.1 to \$81.0 million; Netherlands, from \$17.0 to \$21.5 million; and Sweden, from \$9.9 to \$13.3 million. However, imports from Italy and the United Kingdom decreased from \$46.2 to \$34.7 million and \$89.8 to \$83.8 million, respectively. The increase in imports from Australia and Oceania, from \$48.7 to \$53.0 million, was largely accounted for by an increase in imports from Australia, from \$30.8 to \$34.1 million.

<sup>1</sup>On a seasonally-adjusted basis, total general imports were valued at \$1,452.8 million in September. (See the September 1963 issue of Report No. FT-900-1.) Seasonally-adjusted data are not available by country of origin.

### EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

**COVERAGE:** Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty free) which is entered through United States Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

**COUNTRY DEFINITION:** Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in a number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading, or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consolidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchandising or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

**VALUATION:** Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude

United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

**RELIABILITY:** The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data (i.e. formal entries valued under \$100 and all informal entries valued under \$250), and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all import entries. The probable variability due to sampling is either less than \$50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than 1 percent of the individual totals shown.

In addition to the effects of sampling variation, and the difficulties described above under COUNTRY DEFINITION, monthly import statistics are subject to some error from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Reports No. FT 110 and FT 120. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

## UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: SEPTEMBER 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Data revised to reflect all corrections published with the statistics through those for December 1962. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Continent and country <sup>1</sup>	September 1963	August 1963	September 1962	Monthly average 1962 <sup>2</sup>
Total trade.....	1,398.1	1,461.2	1,341.7	1,365.6
Western Europe.....	369.1	364.9	361.0	378.5
Canada.....	301.1	334.5	302.0	304.7
Latin American Republics.....	294.6	290.2	262.3	282.2
All other countries.....	433.3	471.6	416.3	400.2
O.E.C.D. countries in Europe.....	360.9	358.2	351.5	369.0
Sterling area countries.....	262.4	280.9	253.8	249.7
North America.....	404.2	444.0	407.5	428.0
Greenland.....	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.2
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador).....	301.1	334.5	302.0	304.7
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands.....	(*)	0.1	0.1	(*)
Mexico <sup>a</sup> .....	37.3	39.3	34.6	48.2
Guatemala <sup>a</sup> .....	1.8	3.1	1.8	5.2
British Honduras <sup>b</sup> .....	1.3	0.6	0.1	0.2
El Salvador <sup>a</sup> .....	2.1	2.8	3.2	3.7
Honduras <sup>a</sup> .....	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.7
Nicaragua <sup>a</sup> .....	1.4	1.4	1.0	2.3
Costa Rica <sup>a</sup> .....	2.3	2.3	2.9	3.3
Republic of Panama <sup>a</sup> .....	2.4	3.8	2.4	1.9
Canal Zone.....	0.2	0.1	0.8	0.4
Bermuda <sup>b</sup> .....	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.5
Bahamas <sup>b</sup> .....	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.9
Cuba <sup>a</sup> .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.6
Jamaica <sup>b</sup> .....	7.7	9.9	11.5	8.4
Haiti <sup>a</sup> .....	2.0	1.4	1.4	2.0
Dominican Republic <sup>a</sup> .....	10.3	13.3	10.2	12.8
Leeward and Windward Islands <sup>b</sup> .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Barbados <sup>b</sup> .....	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago <sup>b</sup> .....	8.0	6.7	10.2	7.1
Netherlands Antilles.....	21.5	20.0	21.7	22.3
French West Indies.....	1.4	1.2	0.2	0.5
South America.....	237.3	224.8	207.0	204.1
Colombia <sup>a</sup> .....	35.0	28.8	31.8	22.9
Venezuela <sup>a</sup> .....	67.2	83.6	75.5	81.3
British Guiana <sup>b</sup> .....	1.6	1.0	2.2	1.9
Surinam.....	2.2	2.7	2.0	2.7
French Guiana.....	0.4	0.3	(*)	(*)
Ecuador <sup>a</sup> .....	9.1	7.2	10.1	5.9
Peru <sup>a</sup> .....	28.6	16.7	14.9	15.9
Bolivia <sup>a</sup> .....	1.5	1.9	1.3	1.0
Chile <sup>a</sup> .....	15.9	22.3	9.9	15.9
Brazil <sup>a</sup> .....	56.7	42.8	48.2	45.1
Paraguay <sup>a</sup> .....	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6
Uruguay <sup>a</sup> .....	1.0	1.0	1.1	2.0
Argentina <sup>a</sup> .....	17.1	16.0	9.4	8.8
Falkland Islands <sup>b</sup> .....	...	...	...	...
Europe.....	378.4	371.0	367.6	385.3
Iceland <sup>b,c,d</sup> .....	0.8	2.3	1.6	1.0
Sweden <sup>c,d</sup> .....	13.3	9.9	12.6	14.2
Norway <sup>c,d</sup> .....	8.8	6.8	8.0	8.8
Denmark <sup>c,d</sup> .....	8.5	8.1	7.7	9.8

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## UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: SEPTEMBER 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country <sup>1</sup>	September 1963	August 1963	September 1962	Monthly average 1962 <sup>2</sup>
Europe—Continued				
United Kingdom <sup>b,c,d</sup> .....	83.8	89.8	77.0	83.7
Ireland (Eire) <sup>b,c,d</sup> .....	2.2	3.6	3.0	3.1
Netherlands <sup>c,d</sup> .....	21.5	17.0	23.3	18.4
Belgium and Luxembourg <sup>c,d</sup> .....	33.6	31.8	29.7	32.2
France <sup>c,d</sup> .....	31.5	35.8	31.0	35.7
West Germany <sup>c,d</sup> .....	81.0	75.1	83.1	80.1
East Germany.....	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Austria <sup>c,d</sup> .....	4.5	4.8	5.1	4.3
Czechoslovakia.....	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8
Hungary.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Switzerland <sup>c,d</sup> .....	23.3	15.1	18.9	18.9
Finland <sup>c</sup> .....	5.0	3.8	5.3	5.0
Estonia.....	...	...	...	(*)
Latvia.....	0.2	...	...	(*)
Lithuania.....	...	...	...	(*)
Poland and Danzig.....	3.1	2.6	3.1	3.8
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.....	4.5	1.8	2.1	1.3
Azores.....	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Spain <sup>c,d</sup> .....	7.2	7.0	7.1	7.5
Portugal <sup>c,d</sup> .....	4.5	3.2	3.1	4.1
Gibraltar <sup>b</sup> .....	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Malta and Gozo <sup>b</sup> .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Italy <sup>c,d</sup> .....	34.7	46.2	37.5	37.7
Free Territory of Trieste <sup>c,d</sup> .....	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Yugoslavia <sup>c</sup> .....	3.2	2.9	4.2	4.5
Albania.....	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Greece <sup>c,d</sup> .....	0.9	0.8	1.3	2.2
Rumania.....	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Bulgaria.....	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
Turkey <sup>c,d</sup> .....	0.8	0.8	1.5	7.3
Cyprus <sup>b</sup> .....	(*)	0.2	(*)	0.1
Asia.....	266.3	306.2	258.0	247.1
Syrian Arab Republic.....	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4
Lebanon.....	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.4
Iraq (Mesopotamia).....	1.3	0.4	0.7	0.8
Iran (Persia).....	4.1	6.2	3.2	4.9
Israel.....	4.4	4.2	3.9	3.4
Palestine.....	...	(*)	...	(*)
Jordan <sup>b</sup> .....	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Kuwait <sup>b</sup> .....	9.0	4.7	7.3	7.3
Saudi Arabia.....	7.3	7.9	5.6	5.6
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.....	2.7	3.0	1.2	1.9
Aden <sup>b</sup> .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
State of Bahrein <sup>b</sup> .....	0.7	0.5	(*)	0.1
Afghanistan.....	2.4	0.4	0.6	1.2
India <sup>b</sup> .....	21.7	25.6	24.2	21.3
Goa, Damao, and Diu <sup>3</sup> .....	...	...	...	...
Pakistan <sup>b</sup> .....	3.2	3.3	2.7	3.5
Nepal.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Ceylon <sup>b</sup> .....	3.1	2.2	2.7	2.8
Burma <sup>b</sup> .....	0.1	(*)	0.2	0.1
Thailand (Siam).....	2.8	3.8	3.1	3.3
Viet-Nam.....	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Laos.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Cambodia.....	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4
Federation of Malaya <sup>b</sup> .....	11.2	17.0	15.9	15.6
State of Singapore; British Borneo <sup>b</sup> .....	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.2
Republic of Indonesia.....	8.4	10.5	8.9	11.2
Republic of the Philippines.....	32.4	44.2	22.9	27.3
Macao (Macau).....	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c.....	...	...	...	(*)
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.....	...	...	...	(*)
China (including Manchuria).....	0.1	0.1	(*)	(*)
Outer Mongolia.....	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.3

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Continent and country <sup>1</sup>	September 1963	August 1963	September 1962	Monthly average 1962 <sup>2</sup>
Asia—Continued				
North Korea.....	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Republic of Korea.....	2.0	2.4	1.1	0.9
Hong Kong <sup>b</sup> .....	16.2	16.5	16.1	14.3
Taiwan (Formosa).....	4.8	3.8	4.1	4.7
Japan.....	124.1	145.6	129.7	113.1
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c.....	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.8
Australia and Oceania.....	53.0	48.7	37.4	36.6
Australia <sup>b</sup> .....	34.1	30.8	24.8	24.2
New Guinea <sup>b</sup> .....	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
New Zealand and Western Samoa <sup>b</sup> .....	17.3	17.2	11.5	11.7
British Western Pacific Islands <sup>b</sup> .....	1.4	0.3	0.8	0.4
French Pacific Islands.....	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.....	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.1
Africa.....	58.3	66.4	62.9	63.2
Morocco.....	0.2	0.6	0.9	0.9
Algeria.....	(*)	(*)	0.7	0.4
Tunisia.....	(*)	(*)	0.4	0.1
Libya <sup>b</sup> .....	1.4	0.9	3.2	1.0
United Arab Republic (Egypt).....	1.1	0.5	1.1	2.1
Sudan.....	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.6
Canary Islands.....	0.2	(*)	0.2	0.1
Spanish Africa, n.e.c.....	...	(*)	...	(*)
Federal Republic of Cameroon.....	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.6
Western Equatorial Africa, n.e.c.....	2.5	1.1	0.9	0.5
Western Africa, n.e.c.....	3.5	3.9	2.2	3.3
Ghana <sup>b</sup> .....	4.5	5.0	1.0	5.2
Federation of Nigeria <sup>b</sup> .....	2.7	3.0	2.3	4.0
British West Africa and Sierra Leone <sup>b</sup> .....	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.8
Madeira Islands.....	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Angola.....	3.3	2.0	2.4	3.2
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c.....	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Liberia.....	1.5	1.6	2.9	2.6
Republic of the Congo.....	5.1	5.7	7.3	4.0
Somali Republic.....	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
Ethiopia (Abyssinia).....	0.8	1.9	1.1	2.5
French Somaliland.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies <sup>b</sup> .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies <sup>b</sup> .....	(*)	(*)	...	0.2
British East Africa and Tanganyika <sup>b</sup> .....	3.8	4.1	3.9	4.8
Mozambique.....	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Malagasy Republic.....	0.4	1.2	1.5	1.3
Republic of South Africa <sup>b</sup> .....	17.8	30.8	28.6	21.4
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland <sup>b</sup> .....	6.8	1.7	0.9	2.5
Unidentified Continents <sup>4</sup> .....	0.6	0.2	1.3	1.2
Unidentified Countries <sup>4</sup> .....	0.6	0.2	1.3	1.2

<sup>a</sup>Latin American Republics. <sup>b</sup>Sterling area countries. <sup>c</sup>Western Europe. <sup>d</sup>O.E.C.D. (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries in Europe. \*Indicates less than \$50,000. <sup>1</sup>For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. <sup>2</sup>The 1962 monthly average figures shown exclude February 1962 data on \$1-\$99 formal and \$1-\$250 informal entry shipments which are estimated as totaling about \$9.7 million. Data on these shipments are also excluded from other reports such as FT 930-1, FT 110, FT 120, IM 145, etc. <sup>3</sup>Effective with the statistics for July 1962, the country designation "Portuguese Asia, N.E.C.", comprising Gao, Damao, Diu and Portuguese Timor became obsolete. Beginning with the September 1962 issue of this report, data for Gao, Damao, and Diu are shown separately while data for Portuguese Timor are included, along with data for other countries, in the figures for "Southern and Southeastern Asia, N.E.C." <sup>4</sup>Countries which could not be identified.